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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/717,887	Applicant(s) ALLEN ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
2. In view of newly found reference examiner decided to withdrawn the allowable subject matters in the previous action dated 10 January 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skinker et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,285,706B) in combination with Cama et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,211,457B1).

Skinker et al. disclose the claimed subject matters an electronic power supply (figure 1-3), including an encapsulated portion and circuit board (column 2, line 12-18) and connector (column 10, line 16-20). However Skinker et al. does not disclose the

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utilization of the technique for an integrated connector. Cama et al. teaches the utilization of the similar technique for an integrated connector (figure 1, item 18). It would have been obvious one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Skinker et al.'s power supply by technique taught by Cama et al. for the purpose of securing a firm connection with external devices.

3. Claim 2-6 and 8-13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skinker et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,285,706B) in combination with Cama et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,211,457B1) and further in combination with Wong (U.S. Patent # 6,456,511). Skinker et al. in combination with Cama et al. disclose the claimed subject matters as explained in the claim 1, above, except the utilization of the technique for an inrush current limiting circuit, a rectifier, a MOSFET, a capacitor, a resistive charging and a resistive connection. Wong teaches the utilization of the similar technique for an inrush current limiting circuit(column 6, line 10-15),, a rectifier (figure 2, item 71), a MOSFET(figure 2, item 75), a capacitor (figure 2, item C4), a resistive charging (figure 2, item R4 and R5), zero threshold (column 10, line 45-50) and a resistive connection (figure 2, item 70). It would have been obvious one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Skinker et al.'s power supply topology by utilizing the technique taught by Wong for the purpose of providing a power supply to provide protection to user. In regards to claim 4, sensing a primary rectified voltage in the secondary low voltage manner and providing a representative signal to pin that is accessible to the user (figure 2, item 117 and pin 7), an error amplifier (column 7, line

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55-65), a comparison circuit and predetermined (or known) voltage reference (column 11, line 25-40).

In regards to claims 3,6,9 and 12, Skinker et al. in combination with Cama et al. and further in combination with Wong disclose the claimed subject matters except for an opto-coupler. It would have been obvious one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize transformer as isolator, since it has been held be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known device on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. In re Leshin, 125 USPQ 416.

4. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,317,324) in combination Nakamura et al. (U.S. Patent # 4,906,208). Chen et al. disclose the claimed subject matters an encapsulated power converter (figure 1). Chen et al. does not disclose the utilization of the technique for a detachable line cord connector with threaded mounts is earth grounded. Nakamura et al. teaches the utilization of the similar technique for a detachable line cord connector with threaded mounts and earth ground (column 3, line 35-40). It would have been obvious one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Chen et al.' power supply by utilizing the technique taught by Nakamura et al. for the purpose of providing encapsulated power supply.

5. Claims 14-21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,317,324) in combination Nakamura et al. (U.S. Patent # 4,906,208) and further in combination Wong (U.S. Patent # 6,456,511).

Chen et al. in combination with Nakamura et al. disclose the claimed subject as explained in the claim 7 and thermal conductive molded insert (column 1, line 30-50), except utilization of the technique for a rectifier, a MOSFET, a capacitor, a voltage detection, a resistive charging path and resistive connection, a comparison circuit, an error amplifier. Wong teaches the utilization similar technique as explained in claims 2-6 and 8-13, above. It would have been obvious one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Chen et al. in combination with Nakamura et al.'s power supply topology by utilizing the technique taught by Wong for the purpose of providing power supply to provide protection to user.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rajnikant B. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-2082. The examiner can normally be reached on 6.30-5.00; m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on 571-272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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